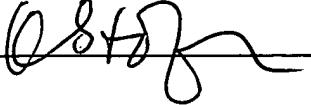


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Election dated March 18, 2003, setting a one (1) month term for response. Prior to examination of the application, please amend the specification and claims of the above-identified application as listed below. Please note that the period for response has been extended until May 18, 2003 by the accompanying Petition and fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3:

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US99/09935, filed on May 4, 1999, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/084254, filed May 5, 1998; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/095827, filed August 7, 1998; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/102745, filed October 2, 1998, the contents all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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